

What is claimed is:

1. A method for processing text comprising the steps of:  
parsing a word from the text;  
5 determining that said word includes a highest-level domain (HLD); and,  
distinguishing said word from any other word that does not include said  
HLD.
- 10 2. A method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said step of parsing said word  
further includes the step of creating said word by extracting all symbols between  
any two consecutive " " delimiters from said text.
- 15 3. A method, as set forth in claim 1, further including the step of determining  
whether said word includes a "." delimiter followed by any symbol other than that  
of a " " delimiter before determining that said word includes said HLD.
- 20 4. A method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said step of determining that  
said word includes said HLD further including the step of comparing said word to  
a table of resolvable top level domains (TLDs).
- 25 5. A method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said step of distinguishing said  
word from any other word that does not include said HLD further includes the  
step of selecting from one of a font, character size, color, underline, redline,  
background attribute, and reverse video to provide a distinguishing  
characteristic.
6. A method, as set forth in claim 1, further including the step of processing  
the text with a spell checker.
- 30 7. A method, as set forth in claim 6, wherein said step of processing the text  
with said spell checker further includes the steps of determining from said spell

checker that the text includes a spelling error, determining that said spelling error includes said HLD, and generating a hyperlink corresponding to said spelling error.

5 8. A method, as set forth in claim 6, further including the step of determining whether to replace said spelling error with said hyperlink.

9. A method, as set forth in claim 6, wherein said step of determining that said spelling error includes said HLD further includes the step of comparing said  
10 spelling error to a table of resolvable TLDs.

10. A method, as set forth in claim 6, wherein said step of generating said hyperlink further includes the step of providing a user interface element to select from one of a label, resolution method, and hyperlink activation.

15 11. An apparatus for processing text comprising:  
a processor;  
a memory in operative association with said processor;  
means for retrieving the text;  
20 means for parsing a word from the text;  
means for determining that said word includes a HLD; and,  
means for distinguishing said word from any other word that does not  
include said HLD.

25 12. A computer program product for processing text comprising:  
means for retrieving the text;  
means for parsing a word from the text;  
means for determining that said word includes a HLD; and,  
means for distinguishing said word from any other word that does not  
30 include said HLD.

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